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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification

Please enter the substitute specification attached hereto.

In the Claims

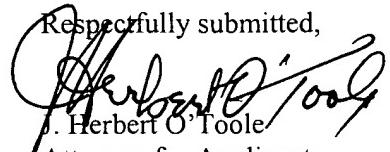
Please cancel original claims 1-12. Please enter new claims 13-29.

In the Abstract

Please enter the substitute abstract attached hereto.

REMARKS

This application is filed in the United States Patent and Trademark office under 35 USC 371 arising from PCT/EP00/02831, claiming priority of German Patent Application DE 199 14 743.4. Attached hereto is a translation into English of the German language PCT Specification and claims and a substitute specification formatted in accordance with U.S. practice. Also enclosed are new claims eliminating, *inter alia*; multiple dependent claims.

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